REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain in the application. Only Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 15, and 16 are in independent form.

Applicant has removed multiple claim dependencies.

The application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

Respectfully solicited, Kohn & Associates

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